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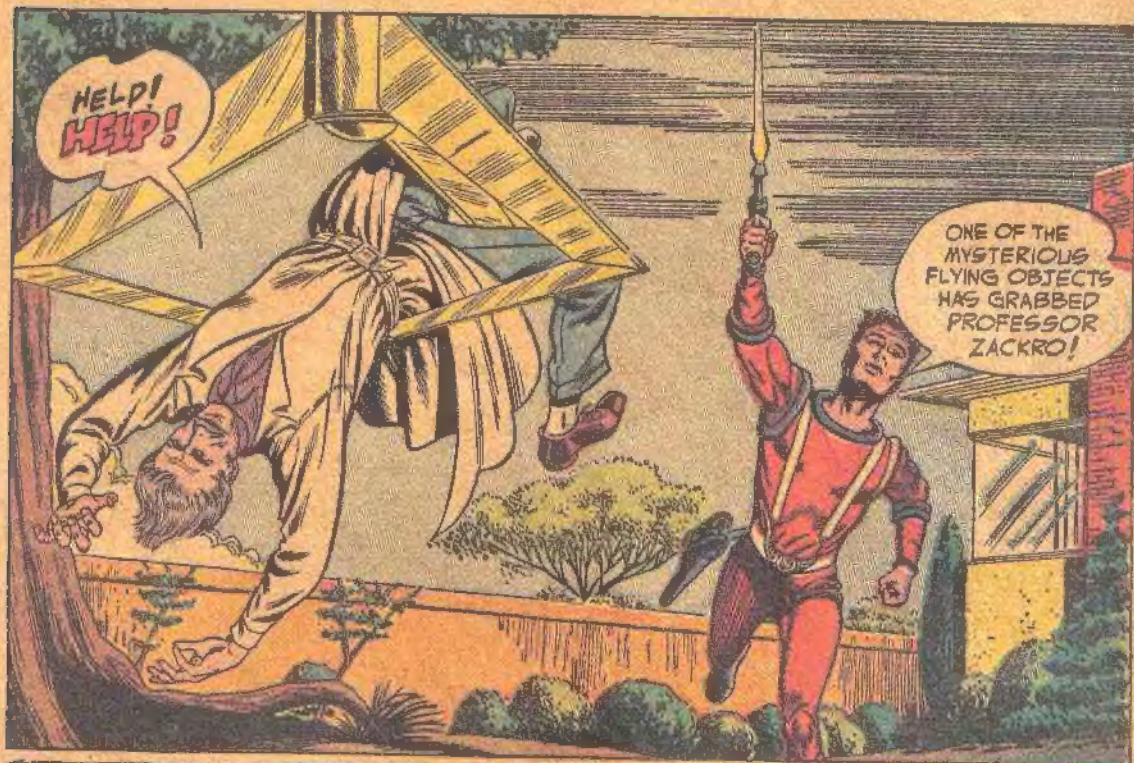
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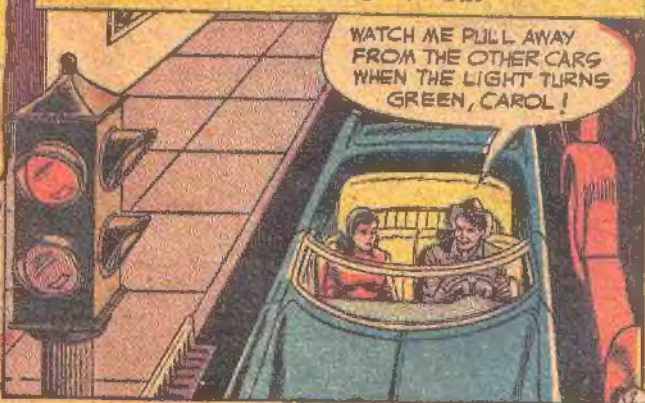
# CAPTAIN COMET



IN BROAD DAYLIGHT THE STRANGE SPACE-VEHICLES DROPPED THEIR CLAW-LIKE TENTACLES ON EARTH--TO SEIZE AN INCREDIBLE VARIETY OF OBJECTS--INCLUDING **ONE HUMAN BEING!** BUT THAT HUMAN HAPPENED TO BE THE FRIEND AND SOLE CONFIDANT OF THE MIGHTIEST EARTHMAN OF ALL--**CAPTAIN COMET.** AND THE RESULTS, AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, TURNED OUT TO BE--**FIREWORKS!**

## THE GRAB-BAG PLANET!

ONE DAY IN MIDWEST CITY... AS A TRAFFIC LIGHT HAS TURNED RED, HALTING A LINE OF CARS...



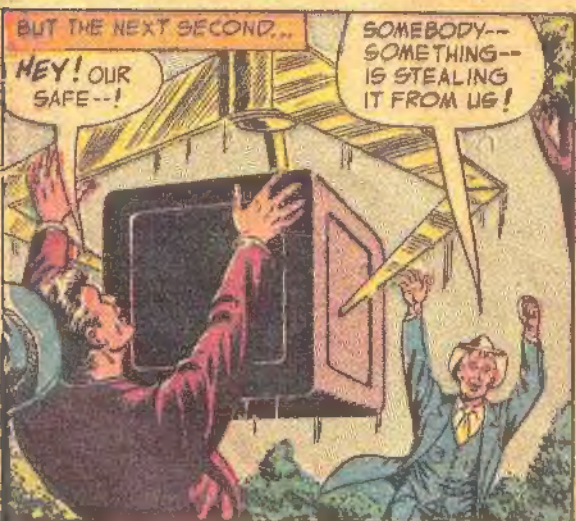
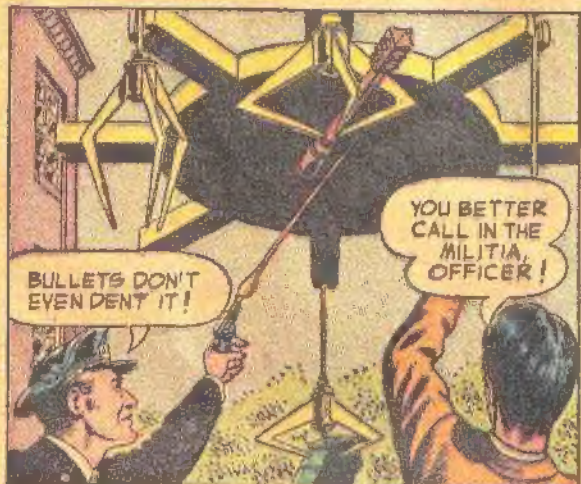
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AS SCORES OF EYES AT THE BUSY INTERSECTION PART UPWARD... TO VIEW A FANTASTIC SIGHT...



AS NEWS OF THE STRANGE FLYING OBJECTS SPREADS ACROSS THE NATION, PROFESSOR ZACKRO IN MIDWEST CITY PUTS THROUGH A HURRIED PHONE CALL...

...AND I HAVE DETECTED IN MY TELESCOPE WHAT CAN ONLY BE AN ALIEN SPACESHIP, ADAM-- 400 MILES UP! THE FLYING OBJECTS MUST BE COMING FROM THAT!

GOOD WORK, PROFESSOR! CAPTAIN COMET WILL GET ON THE JOB AT ONCE!



WHEN... WHILE THE FAMOUS SCIENTIST NERVOUSLY PACES THE LAWN OUTSIDE HIS HOUSE, AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF HIS EVEN MORE FAMOUS FRIEND...

OF COURSE NO ONE SUSPECTS THAT ADAM BLAKE, THE LIBRARY INFORMATION CLERK--IS REALLY **CAPTAIN COMET**! BUT I HAD TO RISK THAT PHONE CALL--I HOPE WE WEREN'T OVERHEARD--EH??



THE NEXT INSTANT... A HUGE METALLIC CLAW CLOSES OVER THE PROFESSOR AND...



UHHH... ONE OF THE FLYING OBJECTS! IT--IT'S GOT ME!

SOON AFTER, AS THE COMETEER--**CAPTAIN COMET**'S OWN PERSONALLY-DESIGNED ROCKET-SHIP--IS TAKEN FROM ITS SHED...

ODD THAT ZACKRO ISN'T AROUND... BUT I HAVE NO TIME TO LOOK THROUGH THE HOUSE FOR HIM! HE GAVE ME THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE MYSTERIOUS SPACE-SHIP... AND THAT'S ALL I NEED!



LIKE A FLASH OF LIGHT, THE JET-SHIP SPEARS SKYWARD...



THERE IT IS! ONE OF THOSE FLYING OBJECTS IS JUST GOING IN THROUGH A SPACELOCK!

COOLLY, THE DARING MAN OF DESTINY MANEUVERS HIS TINY VESSEL INTO THE SPACELOCK, HARD ON THE HEELS OF THE PREVIOUS ARRIVAL... AND...

DO NOT DRAW YOUR PISTOL, **CAPTAIN COMET**! WE ARE NOT HERE TO HARM ANYONE! I AM XTANXU... THE SHIP COMMANDER! I BID YOU WELCOME!



EH? YOU KNOW ME? AND--YOU SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE!

AS XTANXU REVEALS IN A GENTLE VOICE THAT HE AND HIS FELLOW-VOYAGERS HAVE MANY EXTRAORDINARY ABILITIES...

WE COME FROM A FAR-OFF DISTANT WORLD, **CAPTAIN COMET**--A WORLD WHICH IS SEVERAL MILLION YEARS ADVANCED OVER YOUR PLANET EARTH! YOU MAY WONDER THEN WHY WE ARE HERE! I SHALL EXPLAIN...





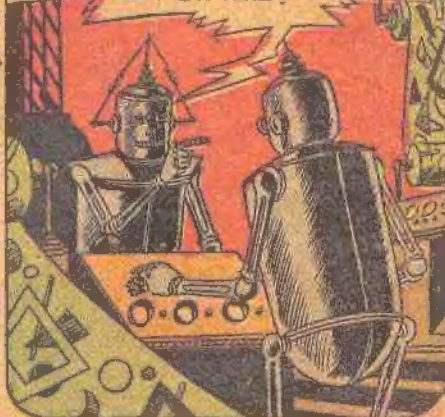
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"WE HAVE FACTORIES ON OUR WORLD OF CNOSSUR... BUT ONLY AUTO-MATONS-- ROBOTS-- WORK IN THEM..."



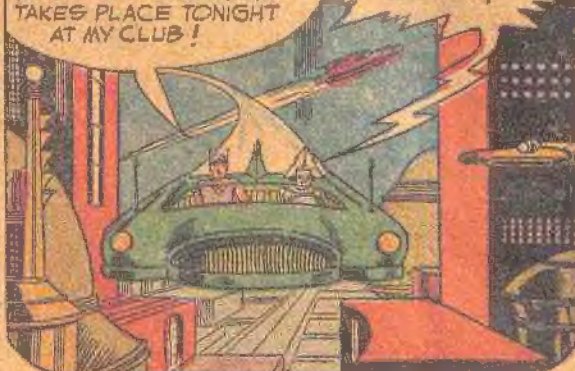
OUR HUMAN MASTERS HAVE ORDERED ANOTHER THOUSAND YARDS OF THIS MATERIAL FROM OUR FACTORY! WE MUST HURRY TO GET THE ORDER OUT ON TIME!



"EVERYTHING IS DONE FOR US BY MACHINES OR ROBOTS! WHEN WE GO VISITING, OUR VEHICLES ARE DRIVEN BY ROBOT-CHAUFFEURS..."

HURRY, F-38T! I DON'T WANT TO MISS THE START OF THE NEW GAME THAT TAKES PLACE TONIGHT AT MY CLUB!

I WILL DRIVE AT MY CONTROL-LIMIT, MASTER!



"WITH ALL THE WORK DONE FOR US, OUR ONLY ACTIVITY-- AND OUR ONLY ENJOYMENT-- LIES IN GAMES! RECENTLY, A NEW GAME BECAME POPULAR..."

...AND THE OBJECT OF THE GAME IS TO SEE WHO CAN BRING BACK TO OUR PARTY THE MOST UNUSUAL OBJECT!

AND WE CAN GO ANYWHERE IN OUR SEARCH?



"THIS GAME--A GALACTIC TREASURE HUNT-- HAS BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM IN OUR LIVES ON CNOSSUR! WE PLAY IT CONTINUOUSLY! IT INVOLVES ADVENTURE-- EXPLORATION-- EXCITEMENT..."

ONE RULE --NO LIVING THING CAN BE TOUCHED! AND WE WILL PAY MORE THAN ENOUGH IN GOLD FOR EVERYTHING WE HAVE TAKEN, CAPTAIN COMET!

WE HAVE ONLY THAT SEEMS FAIR ENOUGH, XTANXU!



BUT YOU MUST LEAVE NOW, CAPTAIN COMET-- OR YOU WILL BE CARRIED OFF WITH US! OUR ROBOT-PILOT IS SET TO START BACK TO CNOSSUR IN A FEW MINUTES --AND NOTHING CAN CHANGE IT!

THAT'S ODD...



ALL THE TIME XTANXU WAS TALKING... THAT OTHER CNOSSURIAN KEPT STEALING GLANCES --AS HE'S DOING NOW-- INTO THAT ALCOVE! I WONDER...

HURRY, CAPTAIN COMET! TAKE-OFF TIME IS VERY CLOSE...



W-WHERE ARE YOU GOING, CAPTAIN COMET?

SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THE WAY HE'S ACTING--AS IF THERE'S SOMETHING HIDDEN IN THIS ALCOVE!



THE NEXT MOMENT... AS THE LOCKER DOOR IS RIPPED OPEN...

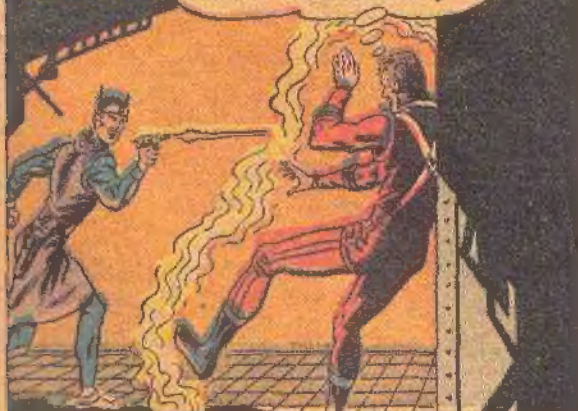


PROFESSOR ZACKRO!

CAPTAIN COMET! THANK GOODNESS...

BUT ZACKRO'S WARNING COMES TOO LATE...

AN ORDINARY HUMAN WOULD BE KILLED BY THAT ENERGY BLAST-- BUT MY FUTURISTIC BODY INSTANTLY ADJUSTS TO ANY ATTACK ON ME!



WEAR A TALL METAL LOCKER IN THE ALCOVE, THE FUTURISTIC SENSES OF THE MAN OF DESTINY DETECT A TELL-TALE SIGN...



THAT'S CARBON DIOXIDE-- THE GAS THAT WE HUMANS EXHALE! I'VE NOTICED THAT THESE CHOSSURIANS EXHALE SOMETHING DIFFERENT! AND THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING--!

AS THE MAN OF DESTINY WHIRLS... GRIM AND INDIGNANT...



XTANXU, I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT YOU CHOSSURIANS NEVER--

COMET! LOOK OUT!

REBOUNDING FROM THE WALL, CAPTAIN COMET MOVES AT HIS ASSAILANT--THROUGH SHOCK AFTER SHOCK FROM THE OTHER'S BLASTER...



UHH... IT IS AS IF THIS EARTHMAN POSSESSES A MAGIC THAT MAKES HIM IMMUNE TO MY DEATH-RAY!

XTANXU AND THE OTHERS ARE TAKING NO PART IN THIS FIGHT! THEY'RE NOT MAKING A MOVE AGAINST ME!

WHEN... AS THE MIGHTY FIST OF THE MAN OF DESTINY  
CRASHES AGAINST HIS FOE'S JAW...

NONE OF US KNEW HE HAD  
BROKEN THE RULES OF OUR  
GAME--AND SEIZED ONE OF  
YOUR INHABITANTS! HE  
SHALL BE PUNISHED! BUT  
NOW THERE ARE ONLY  
SECONDS LEFT--

WHAT I HAVE TO SAY WILL TAKE  
ONLY A FEW SECONDS, XTANXU!  
IF YOU INSIST ON PLAYING GAMES,  
STAY AWAY FROM EARTH! WE'LL  
NEVER SERVE AS ANYBODY'S  
GRAB-BAG PLANET!

MOMENTS LATER... AS THE ALIEN SHIP DISAPPEARS  
INTO THE BLACK VOID OF SPACE...

WHEW! YOU  
SURE LAID DOWN  
THE LAW TO  
XTANXU,  
CAPTAIN  
COMET!

I HAD TO, PROFESSOR!  
CREATURES LIKE THAT CAN  
CAUSE HARM WITHOUT MEAN-  
ING TO--AS THEY ALMOST DID  
BY THE ACTION OF JUST ONE  
OF THEM!

LATER  
THAT  
DAY...  
AFTER  
THE  
MAN OF  
DESTINY  
HAS DIS-  
TRIBUTED  
THE GOLD  
TO PAY  
FOR THE  
OBJECTS  
TAKEN  
AWAY BY  
THE  
CNOG-  
SURIANS.

HERE I JUST FINISHED READING  
ANOTHER THRILLING EXPLOIT OF  
**CAPTAIN COMET**—AND I SEE  
YOU, ADAM BLAKE! WHAT A  
LETDOWN!

SORRY,  
MISS TORRENCE!  
I GUESS WE  
CAN'T ALL BE  
HEROES!

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will mean  
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protects for a few weeks.  
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- 2 Don't get fatigued
- 3 Avoid new groups
- 4 Don't get chilled

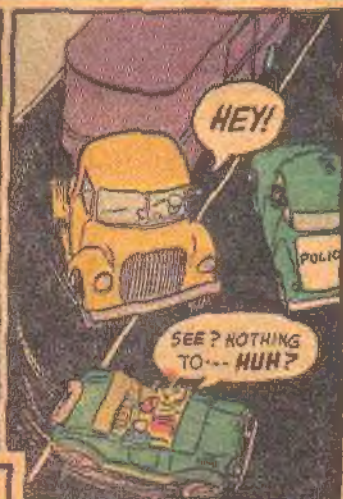
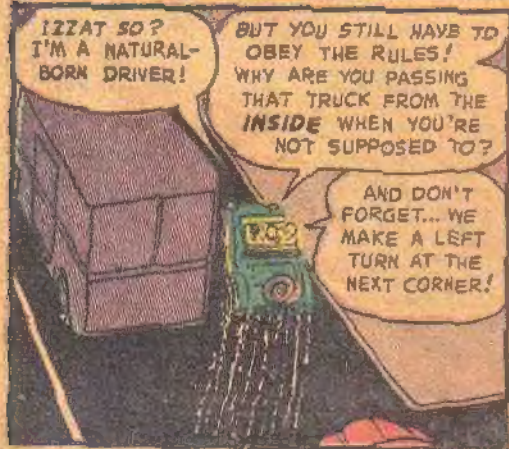
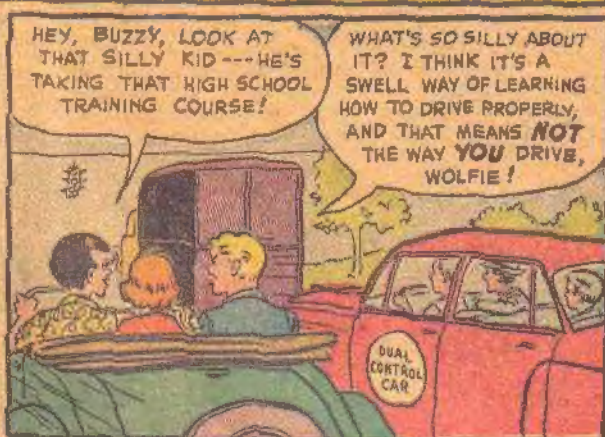
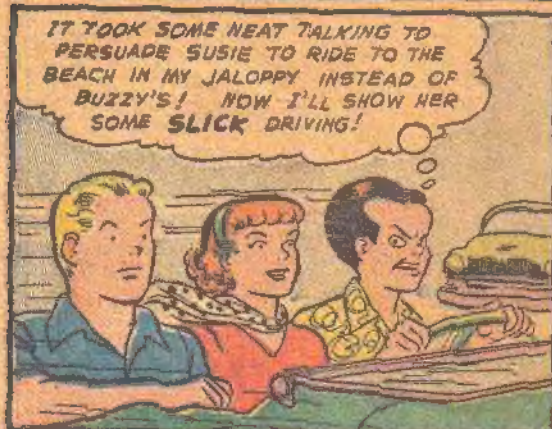
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# MAN INTO MARTIAN!

MIKE HOLDER WAS AN AMBITIOUS TEST PILOT. YET EVEN HIS AMBITION COULD NOT FORESEE THE FANTASTIC FATE THAT WAS WAITING FOR HIM IN OUTER SPACE!

FLYING HIGHER THAN ANY EARTHMAN HAD EVER GONE, MIKE SUDDENLY CHANGED, BECAME NON-HUMAN, A THREAT TO ALL MANKIND--AND TO ONE MAN IN PARTICULAR!

THIS IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF MIKE HOLDER BEFORE HE MET THE MARTIANS! LOOK AT HIM NOW!--PURPLE SKIN, PALE EYES, BALD, AND GROWING SIX TOES! THERE IS ONLY ONE CONCLUSION--THIS MAN IS TURNING INTO A MARTIAN!

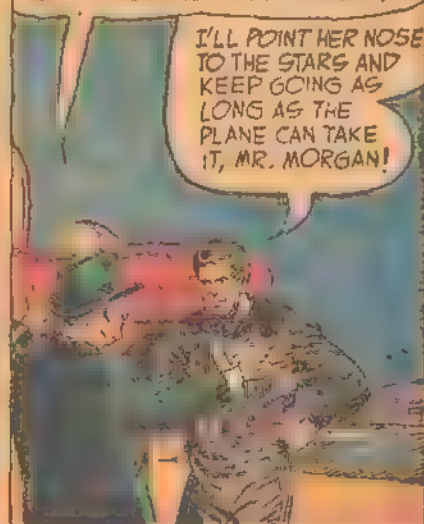
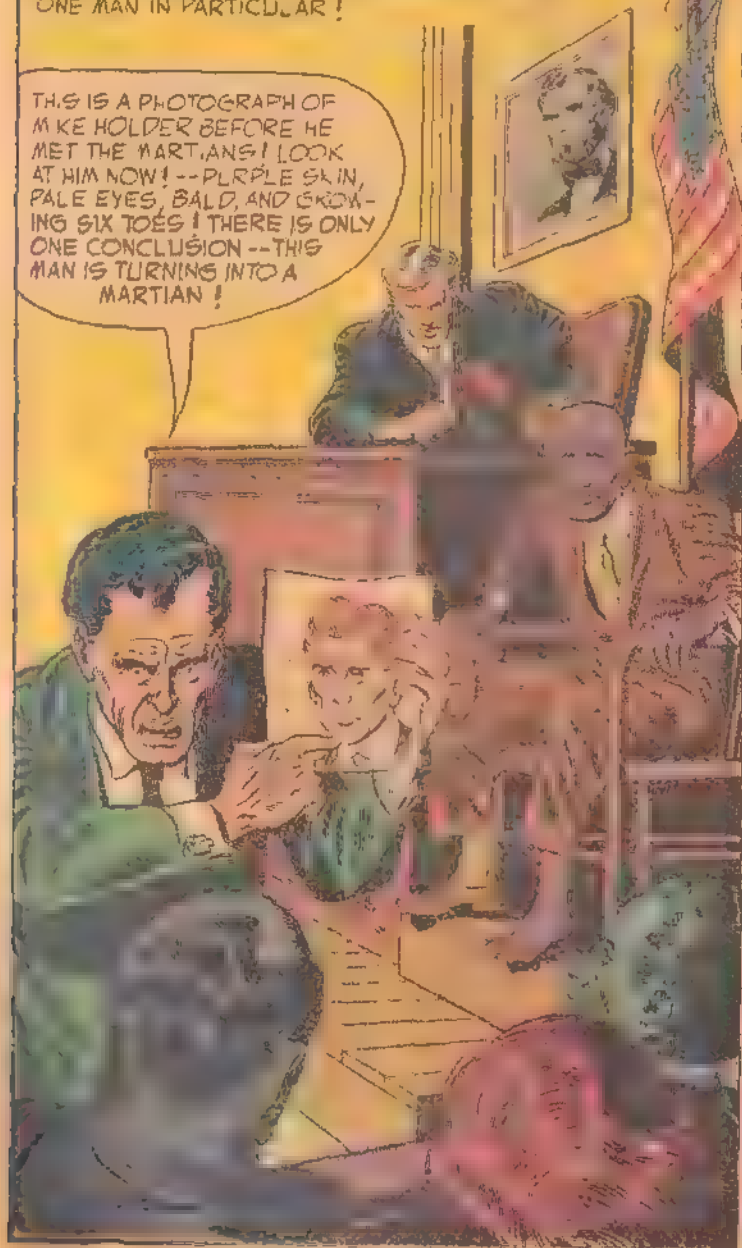
LATE ONE NIGHT AT THE DESERTED AIRFIELD OF THE MORGAN AIRCRAFT PLANT...

I HAD THIS ROCKET PLANE BUILT IN COMPLETE SECRECY, HOLDER. IT'S READY FOR ITS TEST FLIGHT! I WANT YOU TO TAKE HER UP 50 MILES--OR HIGHER!

I'LL POINT HER NOSE TO THE STARS AND KEEP GOING AS LONG AS THE PLANE CAN TAKE IT, MR. MORGAN!

MINUTES LATER... TAKE-OFF!...

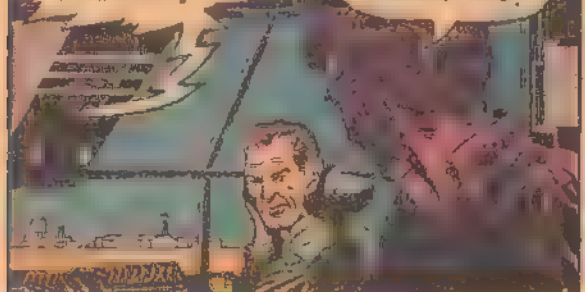
IF MY ROCKET PLANE PASSES ITS TEST, THE GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE ME A VERY PROFITABLE CONTRACT!



IN FOUR HOURS, A STARTLING MESSAGE BLARES OUT OF SHORT-WAVE RADIOS...

HELLO! THIS IS MIKE HOLDER, <sup>DID YOU HEAR THAT? PUT SPEAKING TO YOU FROM A</sup> A CALL THROUGH ROCKET PLANE OF MY OWN DESIGN! I AM 50 MILES UP!

TO WASHINGTON, IN CASE THEY'RE MISSING THIS!



...WHILE BACK IN HIS OFFICE, AN ASTONISHED MORGAN ALSO HEARS THE MESSAGE FROM SPACE.

--MY SECRET PLANE IS HIGHER THAN ANY MAN HAS EVER GONE AND IS GOING HIGHER! I'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF MY PROGRESS--

HOLDER'S DOUBLE-CROSSED ME! HE'S CLAIMING THE PLANE AS HIS INVENTION!



A TENSE AUDIENCE IN THE PENTAGON WAITS FOR FURTHER NEWS...

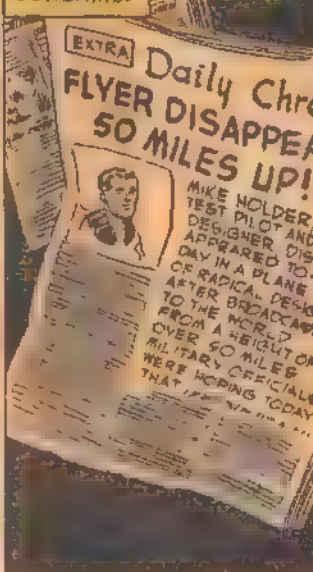
HOLDER IS LONG OVERDUE! IT'S HOURS SINCE HIS LAST MESSAGE!

HE MUST HAVE CRASHED!

ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT!



THE NEXT DAY, ALL OVER AMERICA, HEADLINES SCREAM...



THEN...TWO DAYS LATER!

MIKE HOLDER COMING IN FOR A LANDING!

HOLDER'S ALIVE! SOLVED THE ALERT!



BY THE TIME HOLDER LANDS, A SURGING CROWD HAS GATHERED AROUND THE PLANE.

HOLDER...MY PAPER WILL PAY YOU \$1000 FOR YOUR EXCLUSIVE STORY!

I REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT...

SAY SOMETHING INTO THE MICROPHONE. THE WHOLE NATION WANTS TO HEAR WHAT HAPPENED!



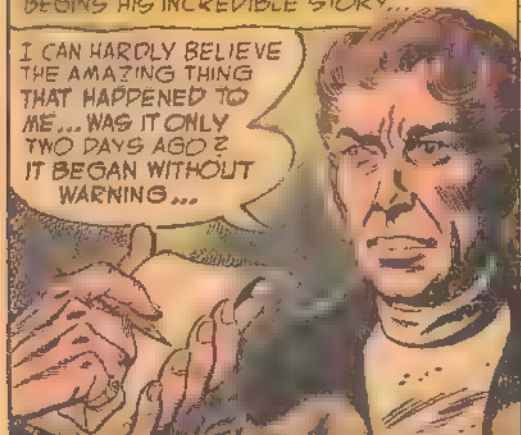


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AT THE AIRPORT HEADQUARTERS, HOLDER BEGINS HIS INCREDIBLE STORY...

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THE AMAZING THING THAT HAPPENED TO ME... WAS IT ONLY TWO DAYS AGO? IT BEGAN WITHOUT WARNING...



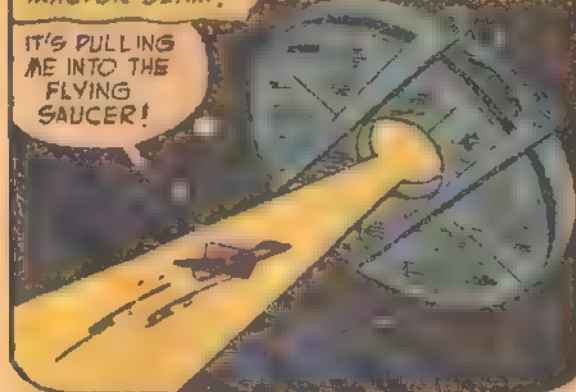
"...WHEN AT A HEIGHT OF FIFTY-FIVE MILES, I SUDDENLY SAW..."

A FLYING SAUCER! AND IT'S HEADING FOR ME!



"THERE WAS A FLASH OF LIGHT, A BUMP... AND I FELT THE PLANE CAUGHT IN THE GRIP OF A TRACTOR BEAM!"

IT'S PULLING ME INTO THE FLYING SAUCER!



"INSIDE, I FOUND MYSELF CONVERGING WITH THE SPACE TRAVELERS BY TELEPATHY..."

WE ARE MARTIANS OF THE GALACTIC PATROL! WE ARE HERE TO KEEP EARTHMEN CONFINED TO THEIR PLANET!

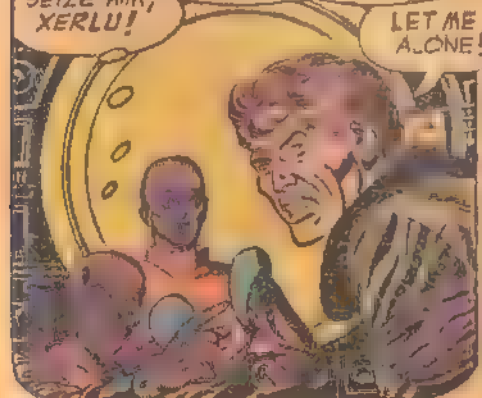
BUT WHY? WHY HAVE YOU HAULED ME IN HERE?



"AS THEY EXPLAINED I OBSERVED THEY WERE HUMANOID IN SHAPE, BUT WERE PURPLE, HAIRLESS, SIX-FINGERED AND HAD COLORLESS EYES..."

YOU SHALL TAKE OUR MESSAGE BACK TO EARTH.. YOU PEOPLE ARE NOT YET READY FOR SPACE-FLIGHT! WE ARE KEEPING YOU IN QUARANTINE! NOW... SEIZE HIM, XERLU!

LET ME ALONE!



"THEY PUT ME UNDER A STRANGE MACHINE, TURNED A SWITCH, AND..."

MY HEAD! IT--IT'S REELING! I--I-- AHRHHH!

HE LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS. GOOD! PREPARE HIM FOR TREATMENT!



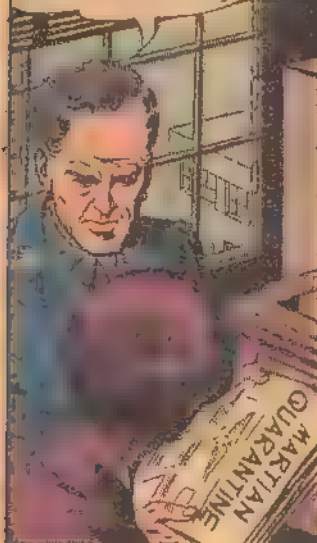
"WHEN I AWOK, I WAS IN MY PLANE, HEADED EARTHWARD..."

THE MARTIAN SPACE-SHIP.. IT'S GONE! I-- I FEEL COMPELLED TO WARN THE PEOPLE OF EARTH!



**HOLDER'S STORY  
CREATES A SENSATION!...  
AT AIR FORCE HEAD-  
QUARTERS ---**

**WE MUST  
HAVE HOLDER'S PLANE  
FOR THE AIR FORCE! IT'S  
THE ONLY PLANE THAT CAN  
FLY AS HIGH AS THE  
MARTIAN PATROL  
ROUTE! WE MUST  
BE ABLE TO DE-  
FEND OURSELVES!**



**LATER, IN HOLDER'S  
HOTEL ROOM ...**

**HELLO, MR. MORGAN!  
WHAT BRINGS YOU  
HERE!**

**DON'T BE  
FUNNY WITH ME,  
HOLDER! YOU  
STOLE THAT  
PLANE FROM  
ME!**

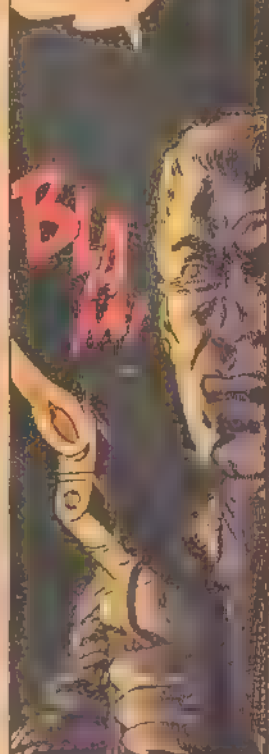


**I'M GOING TO DRAG A  
CONFESSION OUT OF  
YOU IF IT'S THE LAST  
THING I DO!**

**HAVE  
IT YOUR  
OWN WAY,  
MORGAN.**



**NOW THE  
PLANE  
BELONGS  
TO...ME!**



**THE SHOT RINGS THROUGH  
THE HOTEL AND...**

**OPEN UP  
IN THERE!**

**ONE  
SIDE, SON! I'LL  
TAKE CHARGE  
HERE!**



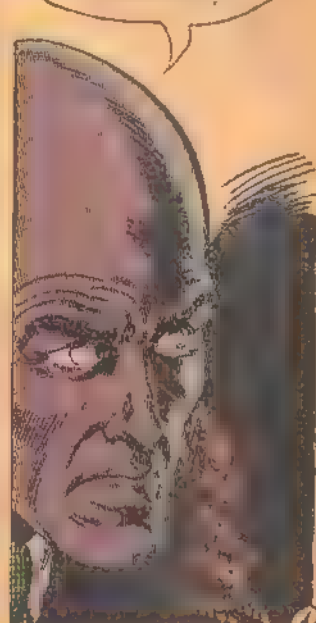
**THE HOLSE DETECTIVE'S HUSKY SHOULDER  
STRAINING AT THE LOCKED DOOR, AND...**

**MURDER,  
EH?**

**EEYAH! MR. HOLDER..  
WHAT'S HAPPENED  
TO YOU?**



**YOU BETTER CALL  
THE POLICE! I'LL  
TELL THEM WHAT  
HAPPENED!**





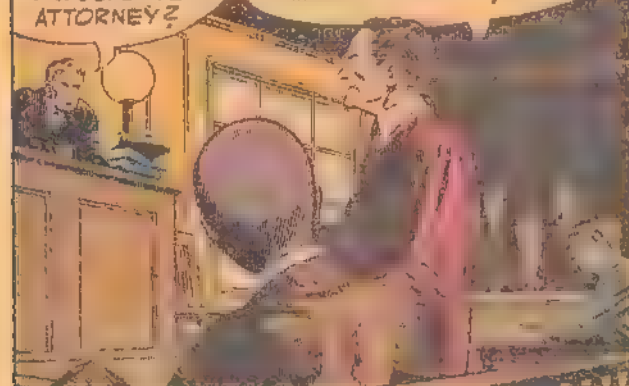
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WITH UNPRECEDENTED SPEED, HOLDER IS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND PLACED ON TRIAL...

ARE YOU READY, MR. DEFENSE ATTORNEY?

I AM, YOUR HONOR. I CALL AS OUR FIRST WITNESS, DR. JAMES KEDGIN!



THE NOTED MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST IS SWORN IN, AND...

DR. KEDGIN, YOU HAVE EXAMINED THE DEFENDANT, MICHAEL HOLDER?

I HAVE... THOROUGHLY! IT IS MY CONSIDERED OPINION THAT...



...THIS MAN IS TURNING INTO A MARTIAN!



HIS SKIN... CHANGED TO PURPLE! HIS EYES... COLORLESS! HAIRLESS... AND SLANTED! HIS STORY PROVES, YOUR HONOR... THAT HE IS NO LONGER AN EARTHMAN! IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I ASK THAT THIS CASE BE DISMISSED!

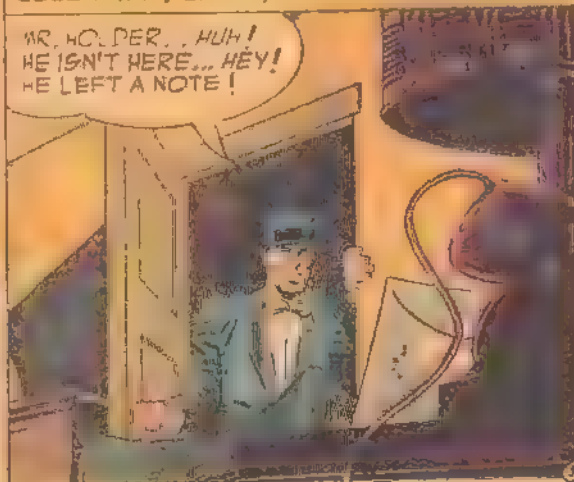


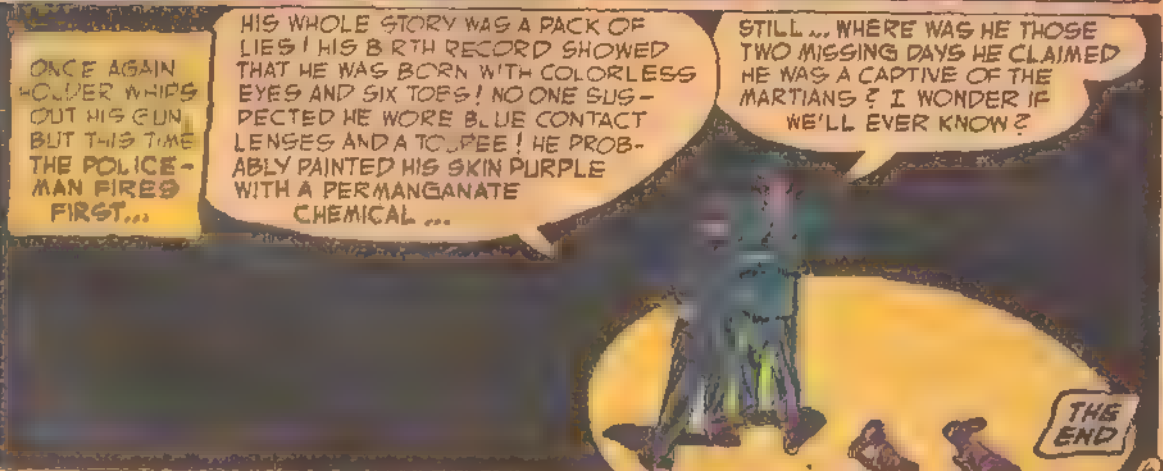
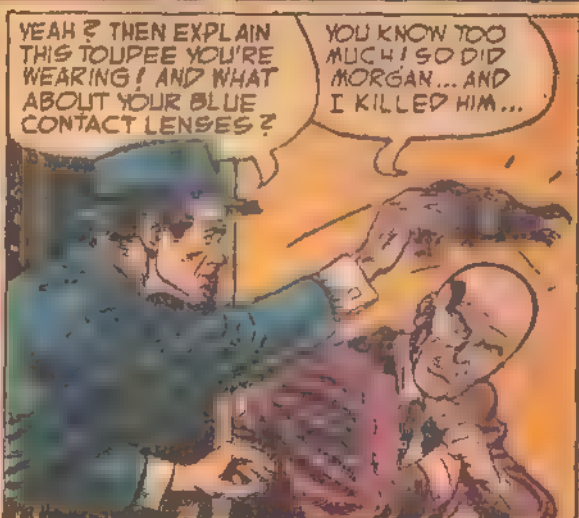
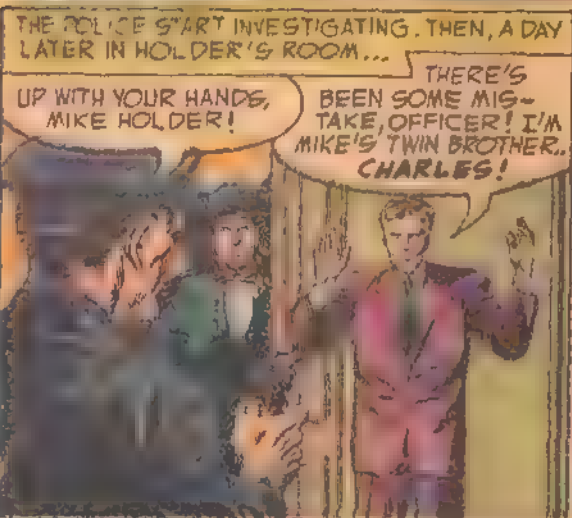
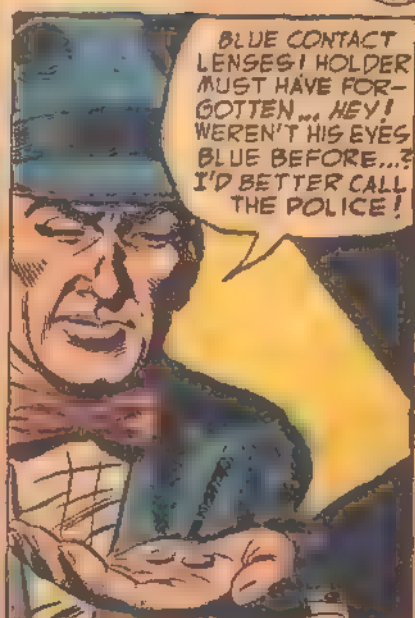
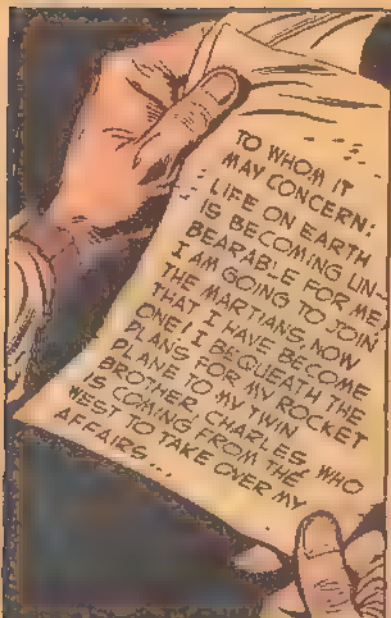
HOLDER ADMITS HE KILLED MORGAN! BUT SINCE HE HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A MARTIAN, HE IS NO LONGER A HUMAN BEING, AND CANNOT BE HELD LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE UNDER HUMAN LAWS! RELUCTANTLY, I MUST SAY, CASE DISMISSED!

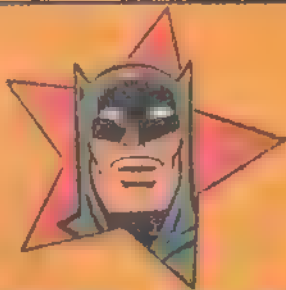


THE MARTIAN WHO ONCE WAS MIKE HOLDER GOES FREE! LATER, BACK AT THE HOTEL...

MR. HOLDER... HUH! HE ISN'T HERE... HEY! HE LEFT A NOTE!



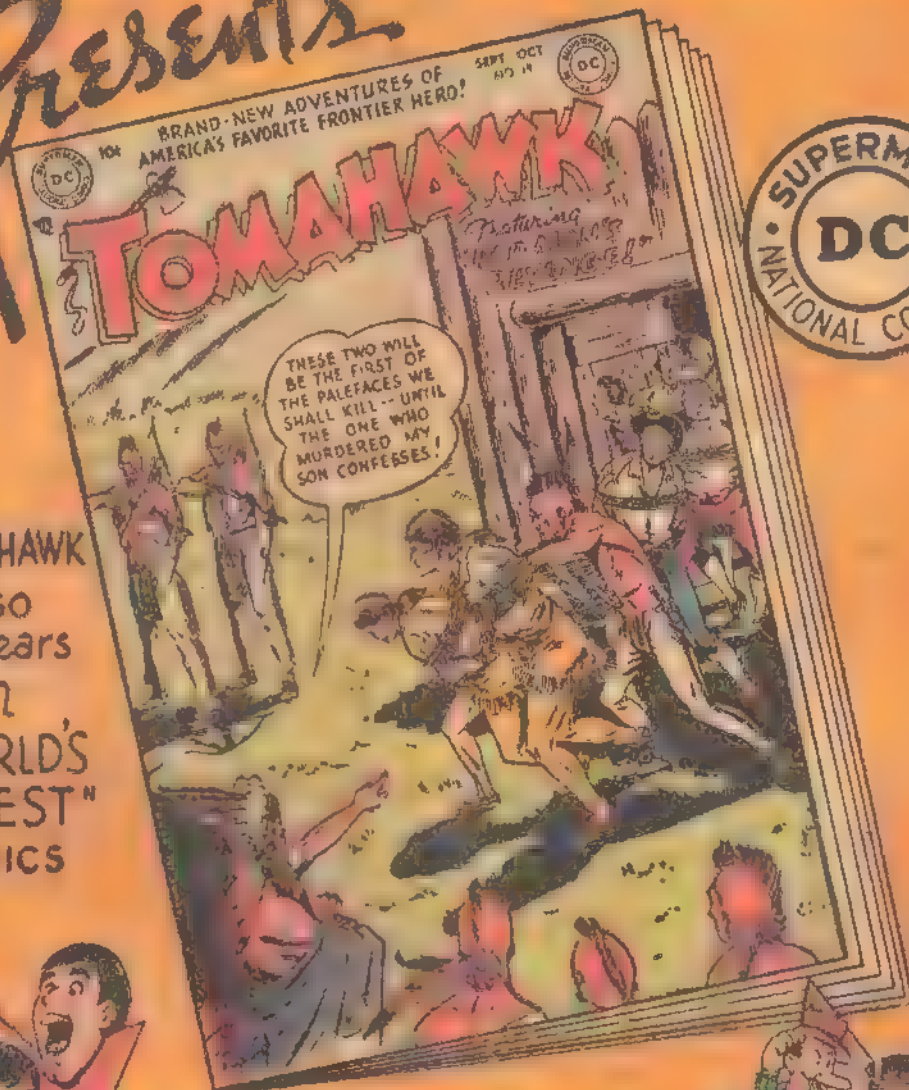




# THE LINE OF STARS

Presents

TOMAHAWK  
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COMICS



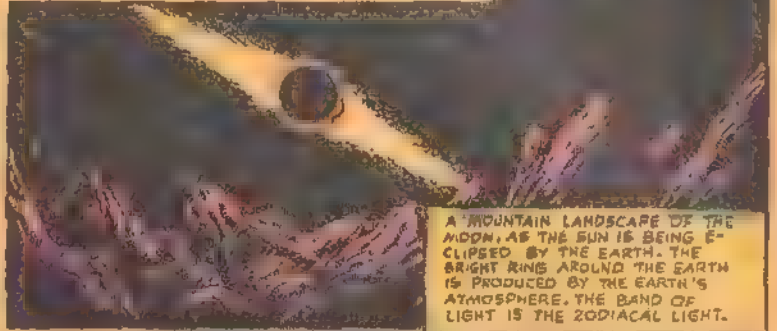
ANOTHER FAMOUS MEMBER  
OF THE SUPERMAN DC  
FAMILY. ON SALE NOW AT  
YOUR FAVORITE NEWSSTAND!





## SCIENCE says you're WRONG if you BELIEVE THAT

THE MOON ALWAYS REVOLVES AROUND THE EARTH AT THE SAME DISTANCE...



A MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPE OF THE MOON, AS THE SUN IS BEING ECLIPSED BY THE EARTH. THE BRIGHT RING AROUND THE EARTH IS PRODUCED BY THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE. THE BAND OF LIGHT IS THE ZODIACAL LIGHT.

THE MOON IS CONSTANTLY RECEDING FROM THE EARTH--ABOUT 5 INCHES EVERY YEAR. IN 20 TO 30 BILLION YEARS IT WILL REACH ITS MAXIMUM DISTANCE AND BEGIN TO APPROACH THE EARTH AGAIN.

THAT A FIRE CANNOT LIGHT ITSELF...



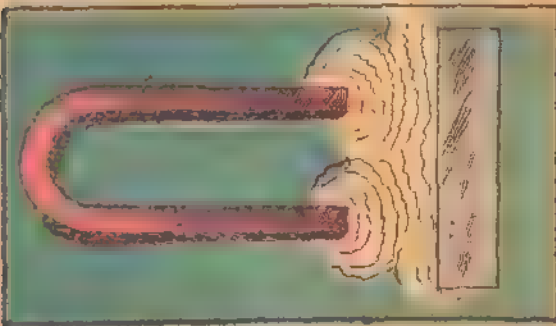
OILY RAGS THAT ARE LEFT IN CLOSETS AND ATTICS EVENTUALLY START TO BURN UP. THIS IS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE CARBON AND HYDROGEN IN THE OIL UNITING WITH THE OXYGEN IN THE AIR AND CAUSING THE RAG TO BURST INTO FLAMES...

RAIN WATER IS PURE...



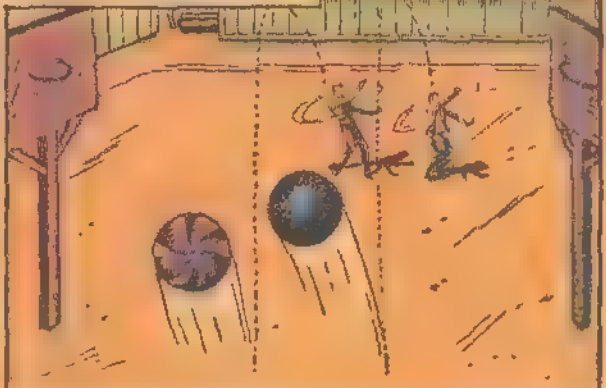
RAIN WATER PICKS UP MILLIONS OF DUST PARTICLES IN THE AIR WHILE FALLING. IN ADDITION, IT CONTAINS NITRIC ACID, FORMED BY FLASHES OF LIGHTNING, WHICH MAKE THE NITROGEN IN THE AIR COMBINE WITH THE OXYGEN.

A MAGNET REMAINS STATIONARY WHILE ATTRACTING IRON OBJECTS TOWARD IT...



THE ATTRACTION BETWEEN A PIECE OF IRON AND A MAGNET IS MUTUAL; EACH PULLS THE OTHER. THE PRINCIPAL MOVEMENT DEPENDS ON THE OBJECT'S MASS--HENCE IN THE CASE OF A SMALL PIECE OF IRON AND A LARGE MAGNET, THE MAIN MOVEMENT IS THAT OF THE IRON TOWARD THE MAGNET.

A RUBBER BALL WILL BOUNCE HIGHER THAN A BALL OF STEEL...



STEEL IS ONE OF THE MOST PERFECTLY ELASTIC SOLIDS, WHILE RUBBER HAS A RATHER POOR ELASTIC CONTENT--HENCE THE STEEL BALL WILL BOUNCE HIGHER.

BY NATURE, EARTHMEN HAVE ALWAYS FEARED THE UNKNOWN! THUS WHEN STRANGE, MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS BEGAN FALLING ON EARTH FROM OUTER SPACE, THEY WERE SUSPECTED OF BEING SECRET WEAPONS DESIGNED TO SOFTEN UP THIS PLANET FOR AN INTER-PLANETARY INVASION! NO WONDER THE OMINOUS WARNING WAS SOUNDED TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH --

# DO NOT OPEN TILL DOOMSDAY!

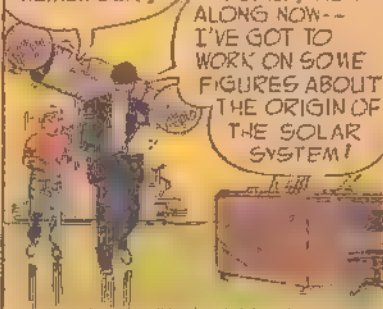
IT'S THE WONDER OF THE AGE!  
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I WANT, I  
JUST LOOK INTO THE GLOBE AND  
THERE IT IS! THEN ALL I HAVE TO  
DO IS STICK MY HAND INSIDE THE  
GLOBE AND PULL IT OUT--LIKE THIS!



IN THE ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY  
OF DR. GEORGE LYNCH...

BUT DAD! TODAY'S  
MY BIRTHDAY!  
YOU PROMISED  
TO GIVE ME A  
BICYCLE,  
REMEMBER?

BE PATIENT,  
JIMMY! I'LL  
GIVE YOU YOUR  
PRESENT  
WHEN I GET  
HOME! RUN  
ALONG NOW--  
I'VE GOT TO  
WORK ON SOME  
FIGURES ABOUT  
THE ORIGIN OF  
THE SOLAR  
SYSTEM!



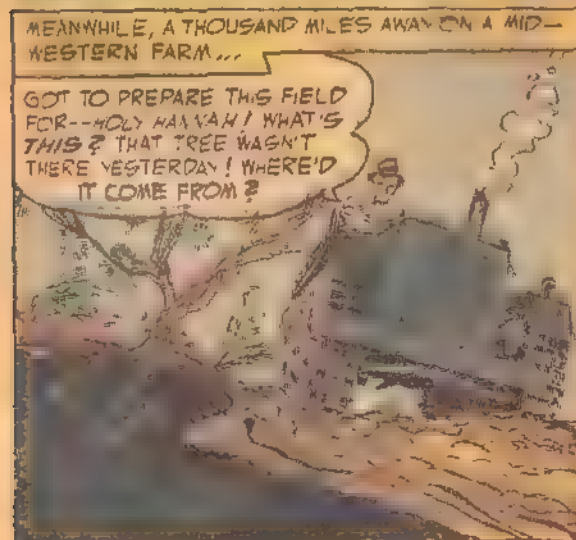
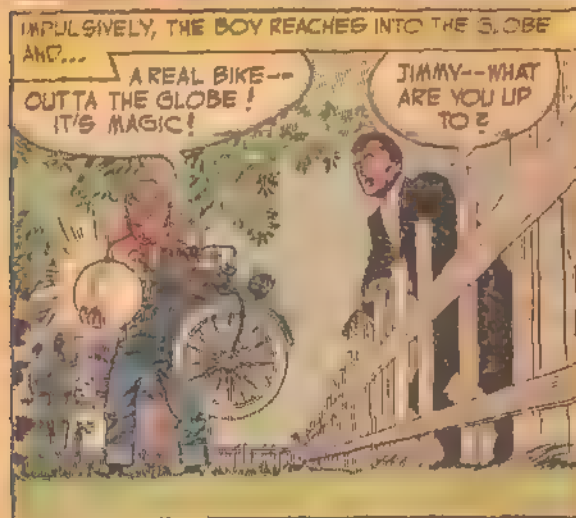
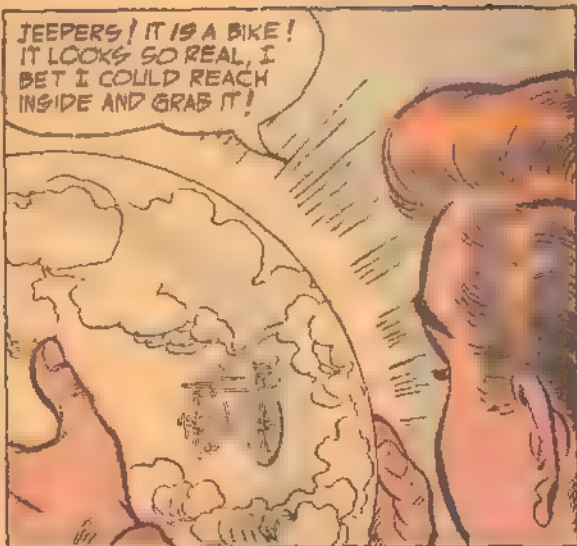
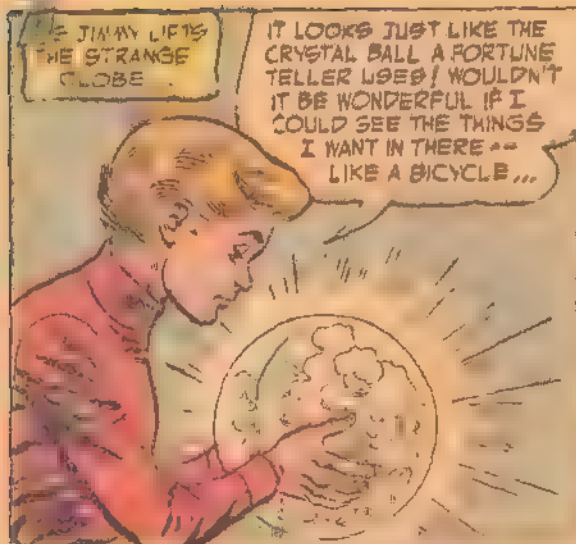
A LITTLE LATER, AS JIMMY  
WALKS INTO HIS FRONT YARD...

GOSH, I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO  
RIDE MY BIKE -- WHAT'S  
THAT?



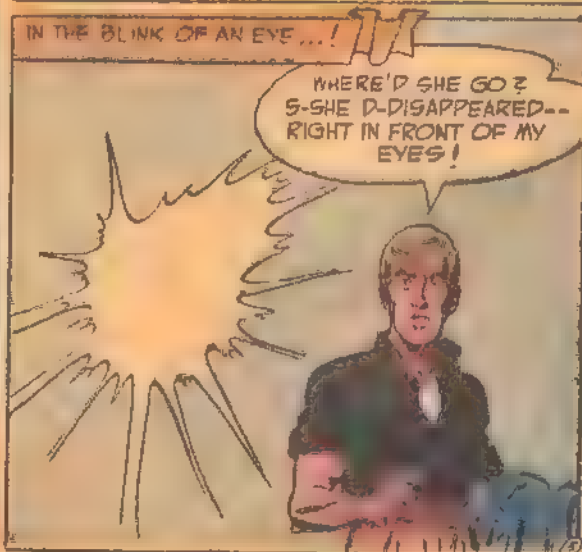
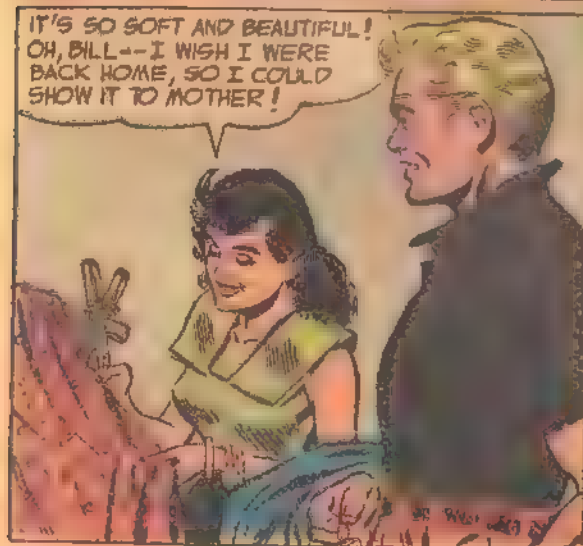
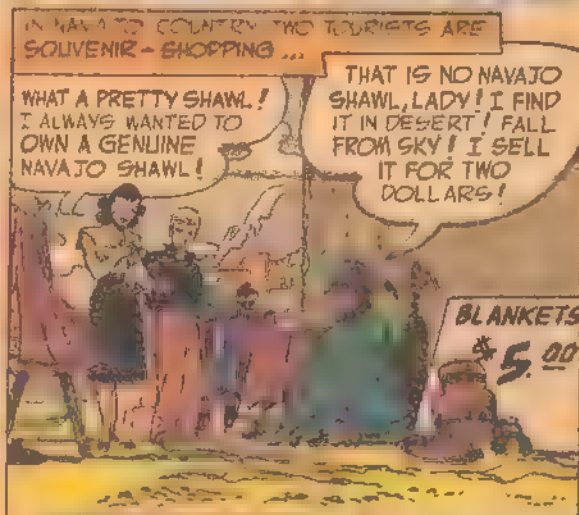
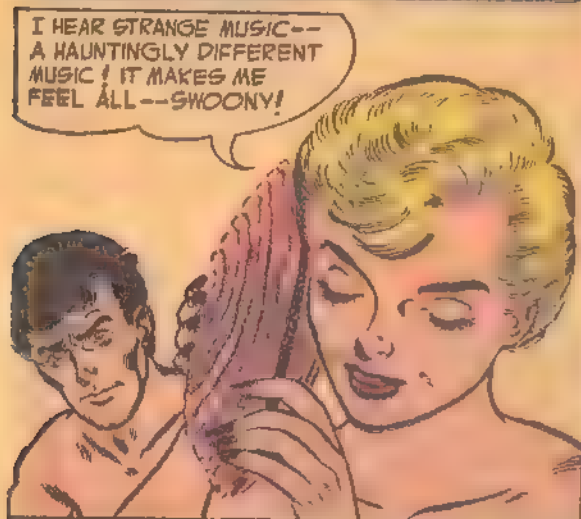
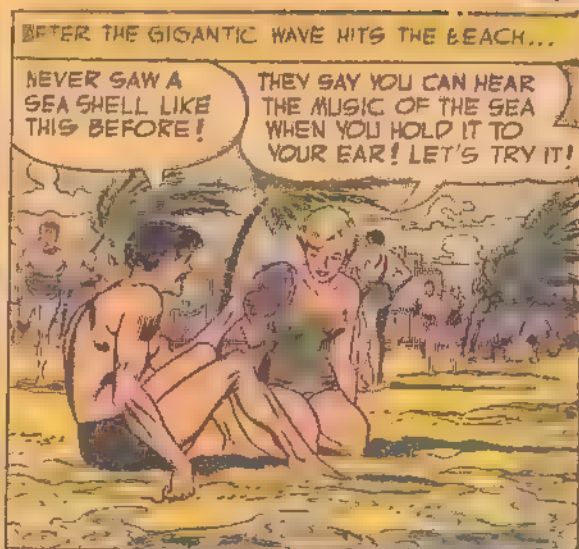
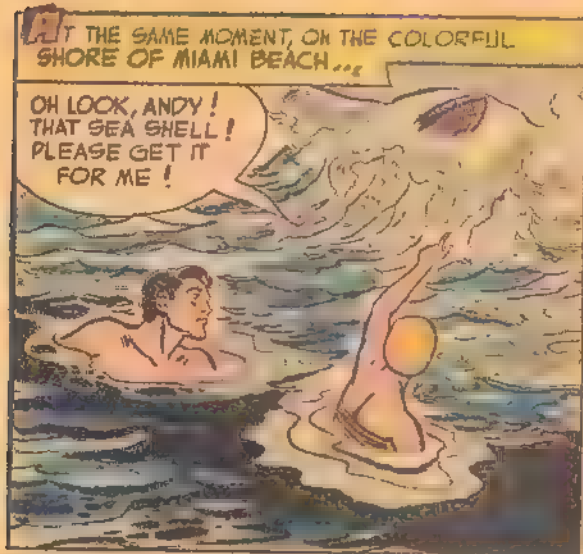


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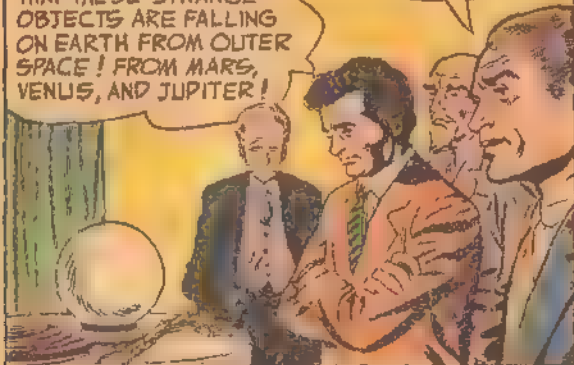
# STRANGE ADVENTURES



AS THE INCREDIBLE INCIDENTS MULTIPLY BY THE THOUSANDS, ALARMED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUMMON THE NATION'S LEADING SCIENTISTS TO AN EMERGENCY MEETING ...

RADAR REPORTS SHOW THAT THESE STRANGE OBJECTS ARE FALLING ON EARTH FROM OUTER SPACE! FROM MARS, VENUS, AND JUPITER!

BUT WHY?



OUTWARDLY, EACH OF THESE OBJECTS APPEARS HARMLESS--BUT ON CLOSER STUDY IT BECOMES EVIDENT THAT THEY ARE DESIGNED TO SOFTEN UP EARTH FOR AN INTERPLANETARY INVASION! THIS GLOBE, FOR INSTANCE--IT MATERIALIZES INSIDE IT ANYTHING I WANT--WHICH I CAN DRAW OUT... LIKE THIS...



THEN--AS THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AIMS THE WITHDRAWN OBJECT AT A CHAIR IN THE ROOM .

A DISINTEGRATOR-GUN!

THEY WANT US TO START KILLING EACH OTHER OFF--WITH WEAPONS LIKE THIS!



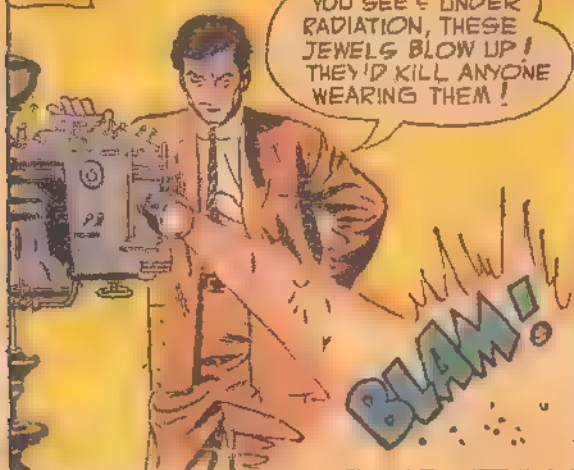
THIS IS FANTASTIC! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE JEWELS?

ANOTHER BOOBY TRAP! I'VE SENT FOR A BETA-RAY PROJECTOR TO DEMONSTRATE HOW DANGEROUS THE JEWELS REALLY ARE!



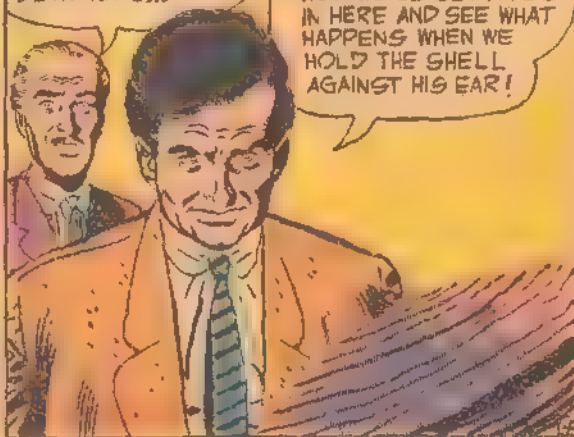
WHEN THE BETA-RAY PROJECTOR IS WHEELED IN ...

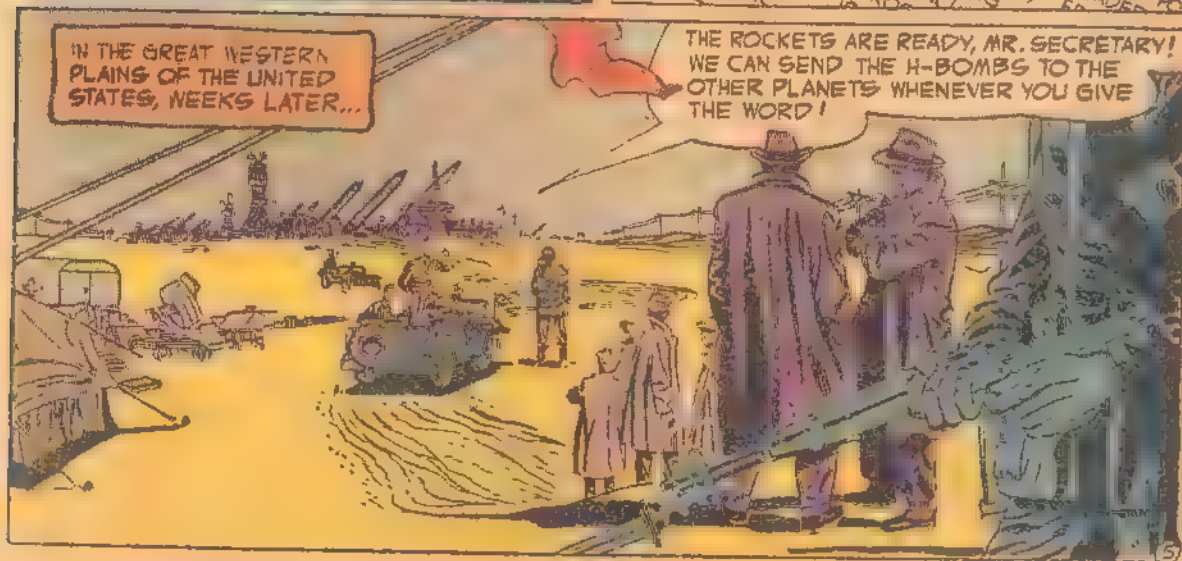
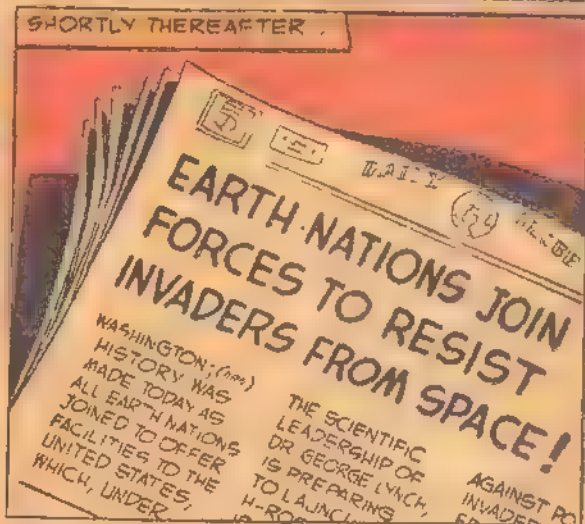
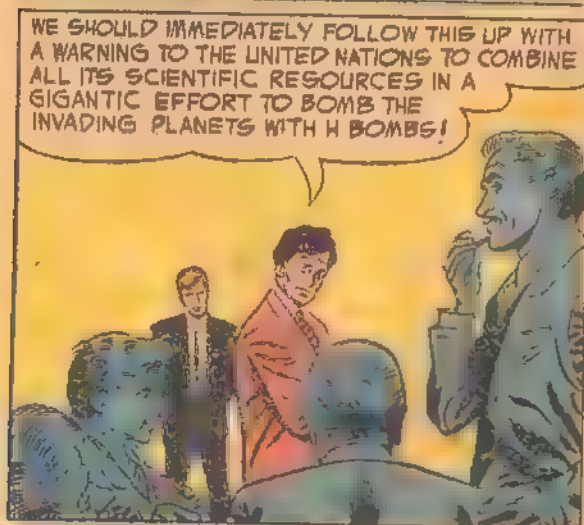
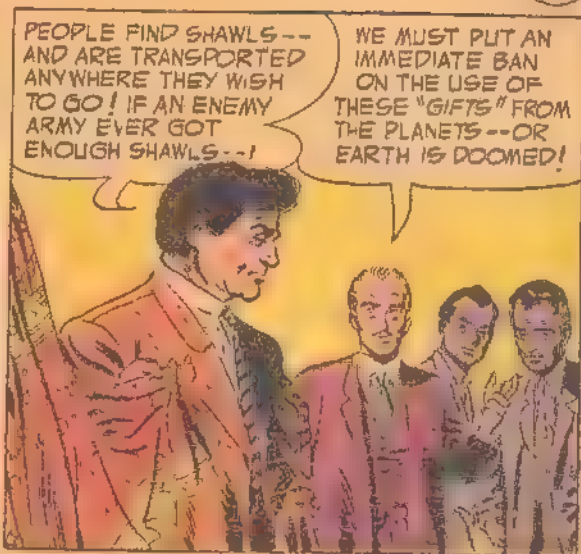
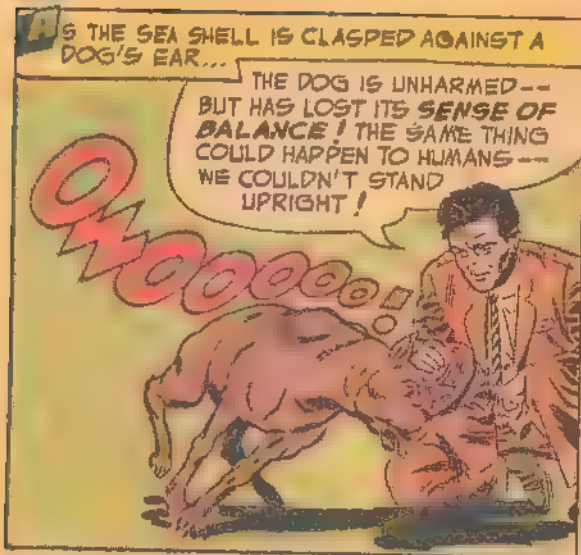
YOU SEE? UNDER RADIATION, THESE JEWELS BLOW UP! THEY'D KILL ANYONE WEARING THEM!



AND IF THE INVADERS FROM SPACE BOMBARDED US WITH BETA-RAYS...

EXACTLY! NOW THIS LOOKS LIKE A SEA SHELL, DOESN'T IT? NOW WE'LL GET A DOG IN HERE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE HOLD THE SHELL AGAINST HIS EAR!





AND THEN, JUST BEFORE THE FATEFUL HOUR,  
THERE APPEARS FROM SPACE...

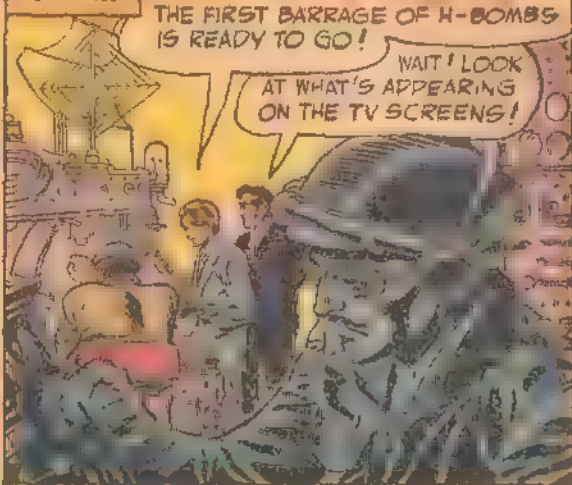
A FLEET OF SPACESHIPS!  
THE INVADERS ARE  
ATTACKING US **FIRST!**



FAR UNDERGROUND, IN A SECRET FIRING  
ROOM...

THE FIRST BARRAGE OF H-BOMBS  
IS READY TO GO!

WAIT! LOOK  
AT WHAT'S APPEARING  
ON THE TV SCREENS!



"SEE--THE FLEETS ARE FORM-  
ING OVER PARIS TO SPELL..."



"AND OVER TUNIS--IN  
NORTH AFRICA..."



"AND EVEN OVER LONDON!"



SUDDENLY, DR. LYNCH GRABS THE DEFENSE  
SECRETARY AND RACES FOR THE SURFACE  
ELEVATOR...

LYNCH! WHAT IS THE  
MEANING OF THIS?  
WE MUST SEND OFF  
THE BOMB ROCKETS!

NO--WE WON'T! COME  
ON--WE'VE GOT TO GET  
UP TO THE SURFACE TO  
WELCOME THE SPACE-  
SHIPS! THOSE "GIFTS"  
OF GLOBES AND JEWELS  
AND SEA SHELLS WERE  
MENACING ONLY BECAUSE  
WE MADE THEM SO!



ELEVATOR  
TO  
SURFACE

I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED EARLIER THE REAL  
MEANING OF THE "GIFTS"! THE EARTH WAS  
BORN EXACTLY 4 BILLION YEARS AGO THIS  
YEAR! OUR NEIGHBORING PLANETS SENT US  
THOSE OBJECTS AS--**BIRTHDAY PRESENTS!**  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE EARTH! NOW--LET'S  
GO OUT AND WELCOME THE PEOPLE OF OTHER  
PLANETS AS--**FRIENDS!**



# SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE



## MAP OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

**N**O matter how large a sheet of paper you work on, it is impossible to represent accurately the relative sizes and distances of the sun and the nine planets! This becomes apparent when it is pointed out that the sun is 745 times more massive than all the rest of the solar system combined, while the largest planet, Jupiter, is in turn more massive than the remaining eight planets!

If a complete map of the solar system cannot be presented in diagram form, it can be shown pictorially by the use of "mental images." Such an illustrative word-model of the solar system is offered in "Astronomy for Everyman," an intriguing book of starry facts recently published by E.P. Dutton & Co.

Imagine a globe two feet in diameter to represent the sun; then Mercury will be represented by a small shot or moderate pin's head revolving around the globe at an average distance of 83 feet; Venus by a small pea 156 feet distant; then Earth another small pea at about 215 feet; Mars by a slightly larger shot than the one representing Mercury at about 109 yards; Jupiter by a fair-sized orange at about 373 yards; Saturn by a large plum at about  $2/5$  of a mile; Uranus by a large cherry at about  $4/5$  of a mile; Neptune by another cherry at 1.22 miles; and Pluto by a small pea at an



average distance of about  $1\text{-}3/5$  miles, but when farthest from the sun a little over 2 miles distant. If you want to indicate the nearest star in this model, you will have to employ a tape measure that extends 10,000 miles!

## A MATTER OF SIZE

Mother Nature is seldom consistent. Consider the varied way she treats her growing children. A fly is born full-grown . . . It never grows any bigger than at the moment of its birth! Most puppies take a year to attain their full growth, although a few dog breeds have to wait three years to reach adult size. Yet at three years a human being has grown only a fraction of its eventual size.

To account for this disparity in animal size growth it should be noted that there is generally a definite proportion between a creature's life and the time it takes to grow to full size. In view of this it becomes clear that the growing-up stage is quicker in the case of a dog that is very old at 15 years as compared to a human being who may live to 80 years. The proportion in growth between dogs and humans is said to be 1 to 7. A dog 14 years old corresponds physically to a 98-year-old man.

Another factor to be taken into account is that in the highest type of animals the

young creatures are much more dependent upon their mothers, and for a longer time, than the lower animals. Compare, for example, a hen which is "old" at 14 years, with an elephant which may live to be 100. After a few weeks, the chicken leaves its mother and makes its own way in the world. A young elephant, on the other hand, relies on its mother's feeding for 2 years, and an additional 2 years on its mother's protection. An elephant has chalked up 20 years before it has become full-grown.

Furthermore, there is a relation between the growing body and the growing brain; the more brain power the slower the development of the body. A hen's brain is of low order and can be taught practically nothing. The gigantic elephant, however, is one of the most teachable of animals, despite the relatively small brain as contrasted with the size of its body.

To summarize briefly, the animals with more complex bodies and brains develop more slowly, are dependent longer upon their mothers, are at their prime for a longer time and drift more slowly toward old age than do animals with less complicated ways of living.

## SKY COLORS

When we look skyward, we are really looking at crowds of particles of air, dust, water vapor, and so on, every one of which catches some of the sun's rays and scatters them in all directions. Some of these scattered rays enter our eyes, with the result that the sky looks light to us.

Actually, the sky looks blue, and you may wonder why *blue* rather than any other color—especially since the sun's rays are not blue. The explanation is that the sun's light is a blend of waves of different lengths, and the particles of air, dust and water vapor do not treat all these different waves in the same way. The waves of blue light are smaller in size than those of red light, while the particles we are now considering are far

smaller than either. Yet because these particles are nearer in size to the waves of blue light than to those of red, they scatter the former waves more effectively, with the result that when we look up at the sky, the scattered rays which enter our eyes are primarily blue, with the result we think of the sky as blue.

The smaller the particles, the more they scatter the blue light, so that the sky looks bluest of all after heavy rain, when the big dust particles have all been washed out; it also looks very blue over the sea and high up a mountain, because here we get away from the more dusty layers in the air.

When we look directly at the sun, the only rays which enter our eyes are those which have not been broken up and scattered. Since the blue rays have suffered more than the red in this respect, it follows that more rays are left of red than of blue, so that the sun looks redder than it actually is. If the layer of air or dust between us and the sun is specially thick, as at sunrise or sunset when the sun's rays travel slantwise through the atmosphere, the sun will look even redder than usual.

Anyone living on the moon doesn't see a blue sky, but a black one, because the moon has no atmosphere. In the same manner, if the earth's atmosphere were gradually removed, we should see our own sky changing from blue to black.

We can see the earliest stages of the color-change by going up in an airplane, thus leaving the greater part of the atmosphere beneath us. Following is the color of the sky at different altitudes as recorded several years ago by observers going up in a balloon:

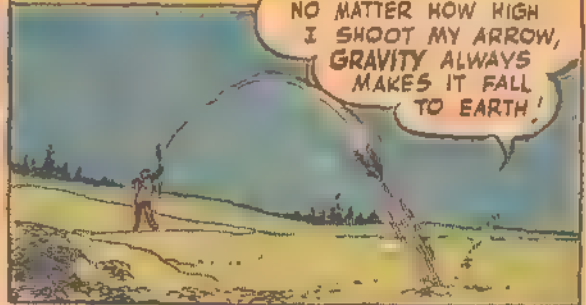
Altitude	Sky-color
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6.82 miles ....	dark blue
8.06 miles .....	dark violet
13.02 miles ....	black-violet
13.64 miles .....	black-gray



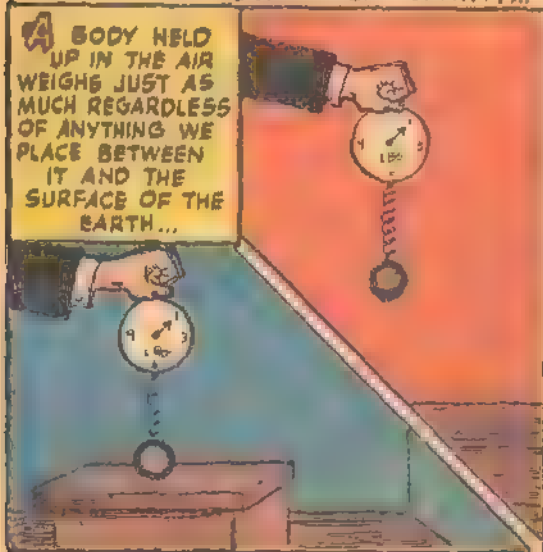
## The WONDERS of GRAVITY!

**I**N SEVERAL RESPECTS THE ACTION OF GRAVITY IS UNIQUE AMONG ALL OTHER FORCES OF NATURE...

THOUGH EVERY FORCE WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH TAKES TIME TO TRAVEL (LIGHT'S VELOCITY IS AN INCREDIBLE 186,000 MILES A SECOND), GRAVITATIONAL FORCE SEEMS TO ACT INSTANTANEOUSLY...



THERE ARE SUBSTANCES THAT CAN STOP LIGHT, HEAT, X-RAYS, ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FORCES... BUT NOTHING WE KNOW OF CAN SCREEN OFF GRAVITY...



**I**F AN ANTI-GRAVITY SCREEN WERE EVER DISCOVERED, SPACESHIPS COULD TRAVEL TO OTHER WORLDS WITHOUT HAVING TO USE ANY FUEL...



**E**VERY SUBSTANCE IN THE UNIVERSE EFFECTS EVERY OTHER SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO THEIR PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL COMPOSITIONS-- EXCEPT FOR GRAVITY, WHICH ACTS THE SAME ON EVERYTHING, REGARDLESS OF COMPOSITION...



GALILEO WAS THE FIRST TO PROVE THAT BODIES OF DIFFERENT WEIGHTS FALL WITH THE SAME VELOCITIES. ANY DIFFERENCES IN THE RATE OF FALL IS DUE TO AIR RESISTANCE-- NOT WEIGHT!



# EXPERIMENT IN DESTINY!

IS THE DESTINY OF EVERY MAN FIXED? OR IS HIS FUTURE DETERMINED BY HIS DAILY ACTIONS AND DECISIONS?

ONE MAN WAS SINGLED OUT TO DISCOVER THE ANSWER--CALVIN TATE, WHO LIVED A STRANGE DOUBLE LIFE!

THE PROJECTOR--IT'S  
BROKEN LOOSE! IT'S  
GOING TO TOPPLE ON  
CONSTANCE!

NOW WE'LL SEE WHETHER  
THIS MAN IS MASTER OF HIS  
OWN DESTINY!

A YOUNG MAN PICKS UP THE MORNING PAPER--  
AND GASPS IN ASTONISHMENT AT THE HEADLINE  
STORY...

CALVIN TATE... KILLED...  
YESTERDAY! BUT I'M  
CALVIN TATE! I MUST GO  
TO THE POLICE AND CLEAR  
THIS UP IMMEDIATELY!

Daily Globe  
**LOCAL CHEMIST KILLED  
IN GANG BATTLE!**  
DURING A FIERCE GUN-  
BATTLE BETWEEN  
POLICE AND COUNTER-  
FEITERS YESTERDAY,  
CALVIN TATE, 28, OF 15  
WALKER ROW, WAS SHOT  
AND KILLED. TATE WAS  
APPARENTLY ONE OF  
THE GANG ACCORDING  
TO CAPTAIN J.C. KELLY

AT THE POLICE STATION...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS,  
MR. --ER-- TATE! YOU'RE  
DEAD! YOU WERE SHOT  
THROUGH THE HEART  
YESTERDAY! HOW  
COULD YOU--?

I NEVER WORKED  
FOR THE GANG!  
YET THE NAME,  
THE FACE, AND  
THE ADDRESS  
ARE THE SAME!



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THEN, AT THE POLICE MORGUE...

EVEN YOUR FINGERPRINTS ARE THE SAME! IT'S ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS TO HAPPEN--

BUT I--CALVIN TATE--AM STILL ALIVE! YOU CAN SEE THAT, CAN'T YOU?



YES CALVIN TATE, YOU ARE ALIVE! TO EXPLAIN THIS CURIOUS OCCURRENCE, WE MUST GO BACK A WEEK IN TIME, AND OUT INTO SPACE, WHERE TWO INHABITANTS OF AN INVISIBLE SPACESHIP ARE HAVING A FRIENDLY ARGUMENT...

WE HAVE BEEN OBSERVING EARTH MEN ON OUR MENTO-SCREENING FOR DAYS, DZAN. WE HAVE LEARNED EVERYTHING--THEIR DESTINIES ARE FIXED!

I DISAGREE KRIDL! LOOK AT THE MENTO-SCREEN IMAGE OF THE CHEMIST, TATE. YOU SEE...



HE IS FACED WITH A DECISION! HIS FATE DEPENDS ON HOW HE ANSWERS!

YOU'RE THE BEST INK CHEMIST IN THE COUNTRY, TATE! COPY THE SECRET INK IN THIS DOLLAR BILL, AND YOU GET \$10,000!

THE ONLY REASON YOU WANT TO COPY THE INK IS-- TO COUNTERFEIT U.S. CURRENCY! GET OUT!



HE SAID, "NO"! NOW HIS DESTINY IS DETERMINED!

PERHAPS! BUT WHAT IF HE HAD ANSWERED, "YES"? IT WOULD MAKE AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT! COME, LET US CREATE ANOTHER TATE IN OUR DUPLICATION CHAMBER!



THE ULTRA-SCIENCE OF ANOTHER WORLD GOES TO WORK, AND...

EXCELLENT, DZAN! THIS HUMANOID IS A PERFECT COPY OF TATE!

TATE II, YOU WILL GO SEE THE COUNTERFEITER AND TELL HIM YOU WILL WORK WITH HIM!



LATER ON EARTH, THE COUNTERFEIT TATE FILLS HIS ASSIGNMENT...

I AM HERE, AIN'T I? TELL YOUR PAL TO PUT AWAY HIS GUN! I'LL WORK WITH YOU!

GLAD YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND, TATE! YOU'LL GET YOUR TEN GRAND WHEN YOU FINISH THE JOB!





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THE HUMANOID COPY OF TATE SUCCEEDS IN SYNTHESIZING THE SECRET INK, AND...

A SUDDEN CRASH ON THE DOOR, THE RENDING OF WOOD, AND...

PERFECT, TATE! NO ONE CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS COUNTERFEIT BILL AND --

KRONE! THE WARNING SIGNAL! THE POLICE--!

GET 'EM UP, ALL OF YOU, OR YOU'LL GET THE SAME!

BONG!  
BONG!

CRACK!

BAM!

DON'T SHOOT! WE SURRENDER!

UHHHH!

IN THEIR MENTO-SCOPE, DZAN AND KR-DU WATCH AS...

CAPTAIN KELLY-- THIS MAN IS DEAD!

YOU SEE? IF TATE HAD SAID "YES", HE WOULD BE DEAD NOW! HE DETERMINED HIS OWN DESTINY! BUT WHERE WILL IT LEAD HIM...?

NOW--AS THE PUZZLED TATE LEAVES THE MORGUE...

SEEING MY DEAD DOUBLE HAS SHAKEN ME--MUST TRY TO FORGET! I KNOW--I'LL GO OUT TO THE AMUSEMENT PARK!

AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY...

NOTHING LIKE A ROLLER COASTER TO CARRY MY CARES AWAY...

CONNIE! BE CAREFUL, NOW!

I SHALL, MOTHER!

UP...  
UP...  
UP...  
CLIMBS THE ROLLER COASTER-- AND THEN DOWN... FASTER... FASTER...

MY SAFETY BELT-- IT'S SNAPPED! **HELP!**

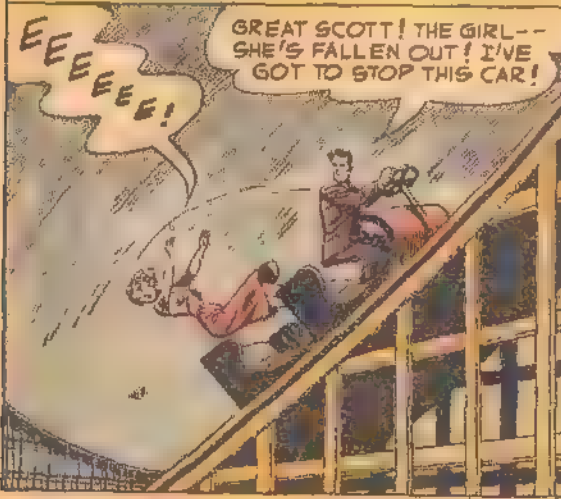
HOLD TIGHT--!



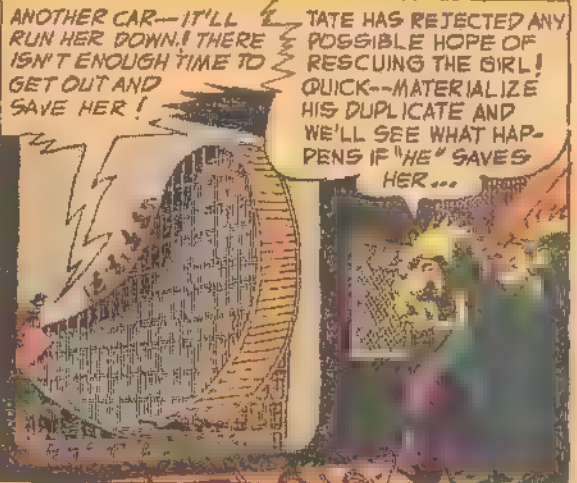
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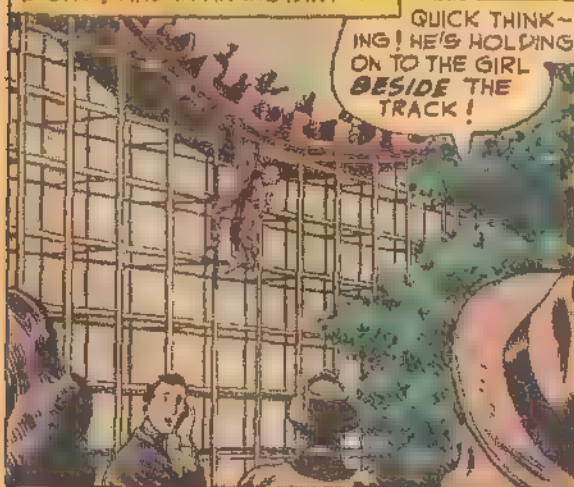
SUDDENLY, AS THE CAR ROARS UP AN INCLINE...



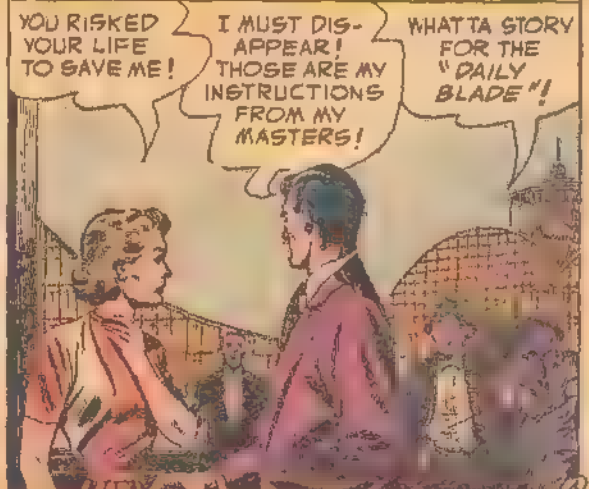
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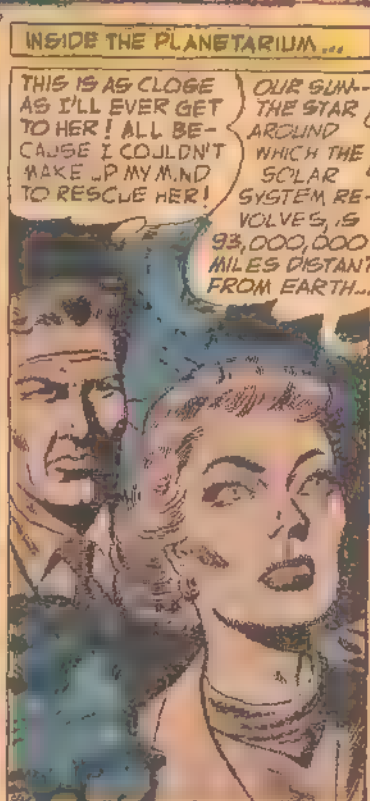
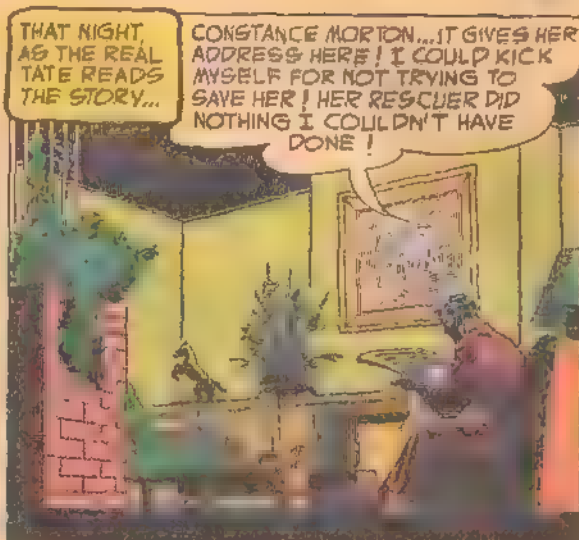
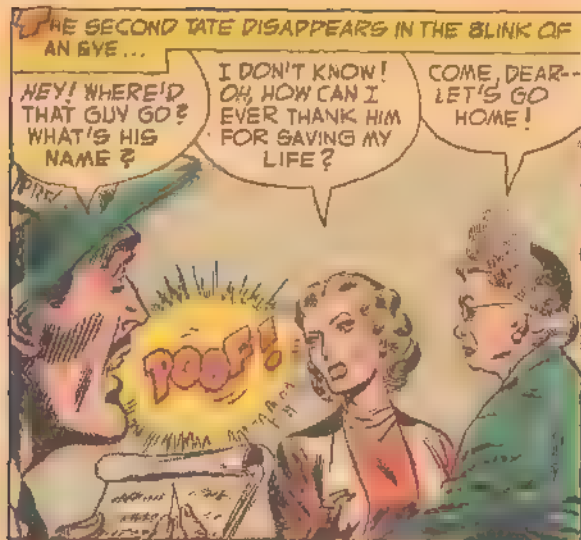


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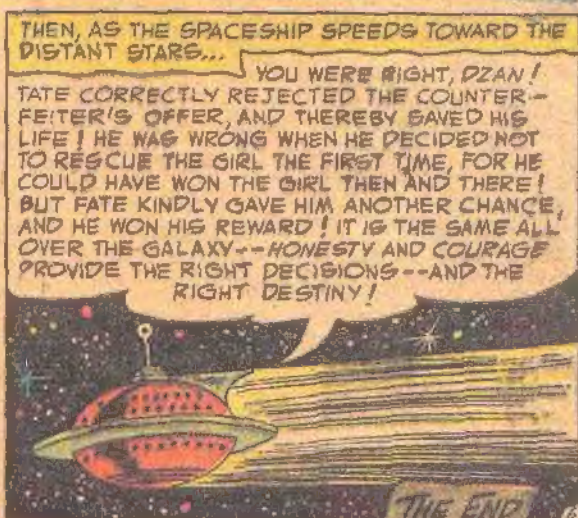
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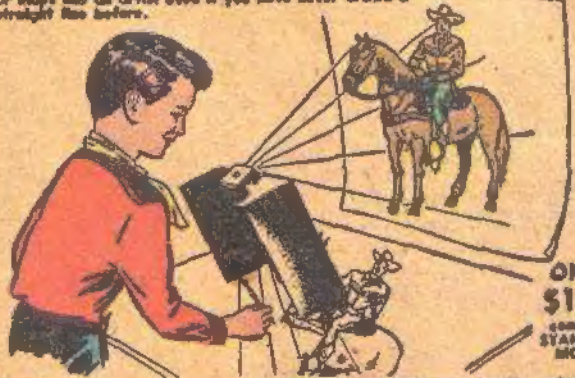
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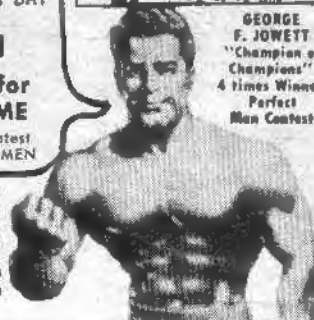


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